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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6 and 7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gover, Jr. et al (4,115,518) in view of Squinto et al (3,508,531). Note a piston capable of reducing friction, comprising a piston head defining at least two recesses 18 for receiving expanding gas, which is are formed in a circumferential section of a top land part of the piston head, said recesses being configured such that a part of the expanding gas is introduced into the said recesses during a power stroke of an internal combustion engine, wherein said recesses are deepest at an intermediate portion of the said recesses, and the depth of the said recesses becomes shallower towards the ends of the said recesses, wherein said recesses extend along the circumference of the piston and have ends 38 that are the circumferential ends having angled end walls, which slant upwardly as they extend outwardly, wherein said recess is formed over at least substantially 1/4 of a circumferential section in an entire circumference of the top land part of the piston head (see column 1, lines 30-35 and Figure 1). Note that the Glover, Jr. et al reference is more focused on dispersing thermal concentration than on receiving expanding gas and relieving friction, but it is inherent that the same action and effect of receiving the expanding gases and relieving friction during the power

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stroke of the piston would take place in the process of dispersing thermal concentration through the recesses.

Glover, Jr. et al show everything except the recesses being recesses are diametrically opposed to each other. The recesses of Glover, Jr. et al are located adjacent valve pockets 14. Squinto et al teaches that it is old in the art to locate the valve pockets diametrically opposed to each other. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Glover, Jr. et al by providing valve pockets and associated circumferential recesses, which are diametrically opposed to each other. Although Squinto et al show four such valve pockets, it would be within the purview of one of ordinary skill in the art to provide only two, since it is conventional in the engine art to provide two valves, one for intake and one for exhaust. Note also that such valves are commonly diametrically opposed to each other.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

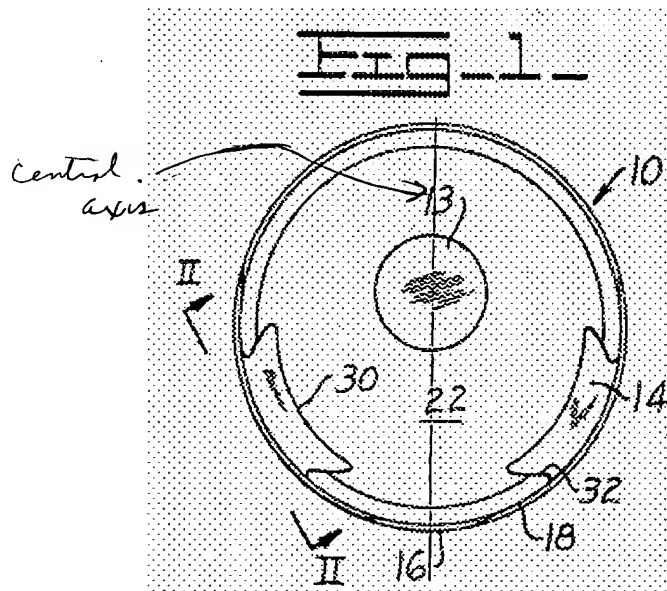
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glover, Jr. et al (4,114,518). Note a piston structure for reducing frictional losses in an internal combustion engine, comprising a piston head having a top land portion wherein first and second recesses 18 are symmetrically formed in said top land portion on opposite sides of said piston head, said recesses being formed by a vertical cut-away of

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a portion of said top land portion, wherein each said cut-away comprises approximately 1/4 of the top land portion in a circumferential direction. See Figure 1 below, which shows how the recesses are formed symmetrically about a central axis that cuts across the top of the piston head.



Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marguerite J. McMahon whose telephone number is 703-308-1956. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yuen Henry can be reached on 703-308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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